

Trinity River Restoration Program

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Seth Naman, Chair
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Dear Mr. Naman:

The Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group (TAMWG) met on December 7, 2016 in Weaverville at the Trinity River Restoration Program (TRRP) office. This letter serves to provide you with a summary of that meeting and our resulting policy and management recommendations, as required by TAMWG's bylaws.

Joe Polos, our Designated Federal Officer, informed us that the renewal of our Charter should be finalized by the end of the year. We received an update from Acting Executive Director, Mike Dixon, and are encouraged that the TRRP is expeditiously filling key vacancies. We appreciated the implementation and workgroup updates, and look forward to seeing a draft of the Fiscal Year 2018 science workplan at our next meeting.

We appreciated your TMC update, however we continue to remain concerned with the proposed changes to your bylaws and remind you to review the recommendations we made on this subject at your meeting.

We discussed the TRRP's closing of the well grant program, as it appears a few landowners are now being impacted from recent restoration project designs. Based on this discussion:

The TAMWG recommends that the TMC request the TRRP to address possible adverse impacts to landowner wells or septic systems on a case-by-case basis caused by restoration actions, and to contact landowners prior to restoration actions that may affect these landowner wells and septic systems.

Danny Jordan, from the Hoopa Valley Tribe, provided us with the tribe's rationale for why they have installed a weir at Tish Tang. This dialogue created considerable questions surrounding hatchery management practices on the Trinity River. However, in an effort to maintain compliance with Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) requirements, we were forced to halt this conversation and will be adding the topic of "Integration of Hatchery and Harvest Management with TRRP Goals" to the agenda of our next meeting so that we can discuss the

subject in greater detail. We will also be seeking additional speakers from other agencies with management responsibilities pertinent to this agenda item. Regarding the weir at Tish Tang:

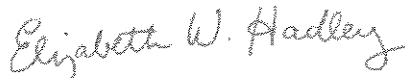
The TAMWG recommends that the TMC investigate a proper method for introducing a Tish Tang Weir and go through the proper procedures for a permit.

We received an update on the TRRP's survey of tributary access impediments, which we recommended to you at our December meeting in 2015. We understand a letter was sent to various guides that routinely fish along the Trinity River, however none of the guides that additionally participate on the TAWMG received this letter, nor has the TRRP received any responses to the informational request. We are hopeful that you discuss this at your next meeting and look for additional solutions in order to obtain this information.

Lastly, we received an update from Andreas Kraus on the 2017 flow management process. We understand that the TRRP must perform a full Environmental Assessment in order to adjust the winter base flows of the annual hydrograph; we look forward to being a part of this process over the next year.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth W. Hadley, Chair
Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group